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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ANALYZER SYSTEM FOR LID-COVERED SAMPLE CONTAINERS

the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto.

was filed on _____ Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for the patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application:

German Patent Appli. No. 100 49 491.9 (October 6, 2000)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if this is a continuation-in-part application.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

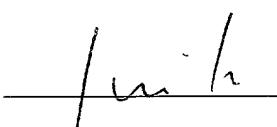
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